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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 29, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on June 29, 2005, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001004/JC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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